

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

March 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Approved by the Town Board April 14th, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Ted Belanus, Supervisors Cheryl Rezabek and John Davis, Jr., Treasurer Amy Ross, and Clerk Roseann Meixelsperger. The clerk read the open meeting notice and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes February 11th, 2008: Motion by Rezabek to approve the minutes of February 11th, 2008 Board meeting. Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Discussion by Board that of the total bills presented in the amount of \$450,429.99, a total of \$423,455.50 was for tax settlements. Motion by Rezabek to approve/pay the bills as presented for \$450,429.99. Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report & Clerk's reconciliation:

Cash in Checking Account:	\$ 199,711.80
Equipment Fund:	73,785.15
Smart Growth Fund:	9,576.33
Brooklyn Fire Building Fund	84,648.68

Motion by Rezabek to accept the report. Second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Budget to Actual expenses year to date report and tax return:

Discussion on various categories of the actual current year to date and prior year comparisons. Town annual Tax return was submitted prior to due date (3/31) per Clerk.

Roadwork: Discussion by Board that Spring thawing is revealing some road issues. Due to heavy demand for snow plowing this Winter on the highway budget, road repairs may be affected.

Recycling Committee: Operations Report submitted to Town Board by Chair Bob Strous and Committee Member Jim Scrivner. Attention was drawn to number of users of the Recycling Center, and other analytical data such as number of trash bags, tires, appliances, and other items turned in to the Recycling Center. Board commented they appreciate the format of all this good information.

Update on Recycling Center Assistant position. Interviews have been conducted, resulting in up to three candidates who will be recommended next

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month for Board second interviews. Background checks, driving records, etc. are being conducted. Committee recommends the Board hire two Assistants, as this position is on call for possibly only six or seven times in a year. Availability on short notice should be spread out over two individuals. The Committee will contact the Chair to set the Board interview meetings.

Site work in light of extraordinary pressure on budget – Committee questioned Board's agreement to proceed with the work set for the Recycling Center in 2008. Board members unanimously stated they want the Committee to proceed as budgeted.

Draft intergovernmental agreement and related matters – update on the Village of Brooklyn agreement. The Village is receiving this draft also at their Board meeting tonight. Sharing recycling services will provide for better services for the collective community. Grant sharing of expenses and revenues is part of this agreement.

Cooperative "Clean Sweep" initiative – County will have this on the May agenda.

Plastic compactor – modify to handle aluminum cans is up for discussion.

Fire/EMS District reports: Jim Topel reported that Evansville Fire will bid out proposals for the financing of the new station with a budgeted total of \$2,000,000. Increase to taxpayers will be a \$0.30/thousand equalized value increase. For example, a homeowner with a \$200,000 home would pay approximately \$60 for the new fire station.

Rezabek reported for John Marx, our Town Brooklyn Fire representative who was unavailable for this meeting, that Brooklyn Fire is considering bids on a new fire truck. Motion was tabled for further consideration of the bids at their last meeting.

Cemeteries: Draft ordinance from WI Towns Association was reviewed by the Board. Jim Topel stated that our Planning Commission had discussed this issue, and had learned that the County has some guidance that would require a Conditional Use Permit to get a proper cemetery with perpetual care per the State of WI statutes.

Driveway, field road permits: Jim Hale has a driveway application. Motion by Davis to approve DCAF for driveway on Legler Rd with the requirement for an 18" x 30' long arched culvert with end walls. Second by Rezabek. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Karnes has a joint driveway application. Motion by Davis to approve DCAF for driveway. Second by Rezabek. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jim and Debra Legler are requesting driveway approval as substantially complete. Motion by Davis to approve a driveway permit as substantially complete off of Hwy 92. Second by Rezabek. Motion carried unanimously.

Driveway/Field road compliance issues: Davis stated there are no compliance issues at this time.

Employee Policies: Full time and part time drafts of employee contracts were presented to the Board by the Chair. Board discussion on drafts.

Spring Election is April 1st, 2008: Clerk stated the Election equipment will have a public testing on Monday, March 24th. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Election Officials meeting is on March 19th, to review the Presidential Primary and plan for the Spring Election, as well as review various election issues.

New polling signs are being created from Clerks' donated materials, but will have some minor costs for paint and vinyl letters and numbers, cost no greater than \$50.

Town Building Improvements: Chair is working on three new bulletin boards to replace the current deteriorating bulletin boards.

Windows – Board is pursuing additional quotes to tear out current windows, and install four double-hung and two single slider windows with shutters.

Planning Commission: Chairman Kramer reported that their new member applicant will be interviewed in April.

Prime land preservation ordinance will be the new name for the land fragmentation ordinance, which is near finalization. In essence, no divisions on prime land will be granted if there is other land available for division, such as woodlands or lesser lands.

Rezabek requested why our web site doesn't have the land use planning documents available for citizens. Clerk has current packet of documents from Planning, and will have them posted to the web site this month.

Informational Items: Annual Meeting will be scheduled for April 9th at 8 PM. For the first meeting of the Board of Review in Spring, need to post at 4 sites.

Adjournment: Motion by Davis to adjourn. Second by Rezabek. Motion carried unanimously.